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- To foster the use of goats to provide for the needs of humankind.
- To encourage research with and development of goats to increase their productivity and usefulness throughout the world.
- To perpetuate the International Conference on Goats
- To sponsor the Journal of Small Ruminant Research

NEWSLETTER

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POINTS OF CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE SMALL RUMINANT BREEDING PROGRAMMES And Concern for Impact on Smallholders

Adel About Naga

Breeding programmes have been an effective means of developing the small ruminant enterprise over the twentieth century. Many new breeds have been established, substantial genetic improvement achieved in national stocks and economically viable crossbred programmes have been widely utilized for both meat and milk and for wool, skins and draft power.

All these achievements were obtained in spite of the well-known fact that breeding programmes require a long term procedure and great effort, and often face difficulties in disseminating the results to the breeders (especially in developing countries).

Over the last decade there has been increasing competition from crops and other livestock in utilizing low productive, marginal land, where in the past, small ruminants have been successfully accommodated, and even helped reclaim marginal land.

Other issues which have been raised recently call us to investigate carefully our strategy for future breeding programmes in small ruminants. Most of these issues have existed for a long time, but their influence

was much less significant than it is now. These issues, which include those listed below, are expected to show more and more interference with small ruminant breeding programmes.

- 1) Very fast changes in international trading policies and agreements (i.e. GATT agreement) and their unavoidable reflection on changing the breeder's decision for their breeding objectives may be faster than the capability of the traditional breeding programs to respond.
- 2) Continuous diminishing of national, bilateral and multilateral financial resources available for long term breeding programmes, and the hardly justifiable cost effectiveness of some of these programmes to financing (donor) organizations.

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3) The strong call for sustaining global environmental development and the inappropriate allegation against small ruminants in this aspect, is a topic that will be considered at the VI International Conference on Goats, China 1996. In this respect I would like to quote the words of my dear colleague C. Devendra in his article in the IGA Newsletter (October 1993). "The development of goats in the future will need to be especially sensitive to approaches that are ecologically and environmentally sound."

4) Increasing global interest in conserving animal genetic resources more than improving their productivity. In other words, there is more emphasis on the potential endangered breeds (or species) at the cost of potentially productive ones.

5) Great development in molecular genetics and the fascinating achievement of genetic engineering in comparison with the results (per time unit) of the ongoing classical breeding programmes.

On the other hand, the essential role that small ruminants play in the livelihood, food security and income generation of smallholders is indisputable. Small ruminant schemes will need to continue and enlarge to meet the needs of increasing populations under the poverty level and in food deficiency.

Small ruminants can provide an important resource for smallholders if we continue to give priority to the following:

1) The food and income needs of poor people.

2) Maximum utilization of limited resources available to smallholders.

3) Developing the appropriate technology for smallholders, most probably not High Tech.

4) Disseminating information which will enhance smallholder technology and productiveness.

IGA Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet in Rome on Friday, September 23, prior to the *Somatic Cells and Milk of Small Ruminants Symposium* in Bellia, Italy. (Place to be Announced).

Small Ruminant Research The Journal of the International Goat Association

Dr. George F.W. Haenlein, Editor-in-Chief of Small Ruminant Research reports that in 1993 there were 136 research papers presented. Of these 111 were published in SRR. Origin of papers was as follows: Africa 25, Asia 45, Europe 44, North America 24, South and Central America 20, South Pacific 10. (Several of the papers reviewed in 1993 are yet to be published in 1994).

SRR is one of the most recognizable international journals. A special emphasis is assisting young scientists from developing countries. The editorial board, made up of top scientists and educators in the field of small ruminants works on a voluntary basis. This is a unique offering to persons in the developing world.

Manuscripts should be submitted in triplicate to Professor G.F.W. Haenlein, College of Agricultural Sciences, University of Delaware, 048 Townsend Hall, Newark, DE 19717-1303 USA.

Meetings

June 18-20, 1994

International Symposium on the Optimal Exploitation of Marginal Mediterranean Areas by Extensive Ruminant Production Systems.

Thessaloniki, Macedonia, Greece
Secretariat: Prof. Dr. I. Hatziminaoglou,
Laboratory of Animal Husbandry, Dept. of
Animal Production, Faculty of Agriculture,
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,
GR 54006 tel 003031471256 fax
003031473275

Satellite Meetings at same venue:

June 16-17, 1994

FAO/RNEA Expert Consultation on Range-Dependent Small Ruminant Production Systems in the Near East

Contact: Dr. E.S.E. Galal, FAO Near East
Regional Office, P. O. Box 2223, Cairo,
Egypt. fax 002023495981

June 19-22, 1994

FAO Technical Consultation of the European Cooperative Research Network on Sheep and Goat Production

Contact: Prof. P. Morand-Fehr, Station de
Nutrition et Alimentation (INRA), INAPG,
16 rue Claude Bernard, 75231 Paris CEDEX
05, France. fax 0033144081853

FAO-CIHEAM Meeting of the Subnetwork Systems of Production

Contact: Dr. R. Rubino, Istituto
Sperimentale Zootechnico, Viale Basento
106, 85100 Potenza, Italy.
fax 003997679930

August 24, 25, 1994

Small Ruminants Symposium,

Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City,
Missouri, sponsored by the American
College Theriogenologists and Society of
Theriogenology.

September 25-27, 1994

Somatic Cells and Milk of Small Ruminants

Secretariat: Istituto Sperimentale per la
Zootecnica, Via Appia - 85051
BELLA (Pz) Italy
tel. 39-976-72915 fax. 39-976-79930

September 27-30, 1994

IX Reunion Nacional de Caprinocultura

La Paz, B.C.S., Mexico
Secretariat: Ramon Cepeda Palacios
Departamento de Zootecnica, UABCS,
A.P. 19-B, La Paz B.C.S., Mexico 23080
tel (112) 1-11-40 fax (112) 1-18-80

November 30-December 3, 1994

The 5th Pan African Regional Commonwealth and 11th Tanzanian Veterinary Association Conference "Livestock Production and the African Environment"

Arusha International Conference Centre,
Tanzania
Contact: The Chairman,
PAVA/CWVA/TVA Scientific Committee,
Sokoine University of Agriculture, Faculty
of Veterinary Medicine, P.O. Box 3174,
Morogoro, Tanzania.
Fax 010-255-56-3177/4718/3259

December 5-9, 1994

Third Biennial Conference of the African Small Ruminant Research Network (SRNET)

Venue. To be announced
For further information write:
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African Small Ruminant Research Network
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January 8-10, 1995
Conference on Animal Production in Hot
Climates. Hosted by Sultan Qaboos
University, Oman.
Conference Secretary
Department of Animal and Food Sciences
College of Agriculture
Sultan Qaboos University
P. O. Box 34, Al-Khod 123
Sultanate of Oman
fax (968) 5134418

IGA Board Notes

Jean Boyazoglu, President of IGA, received the first lifetime honorary membership ever given by the Egyptian Society of Animal Production (ESAP). The announcement noted that as Secretary General of EAAP, Boyazoglu was instrumental in holding two symposia in Cairo organized by EAAP and ESAP and other agencies (Ruminant Production in the Dry Sub-tropics: Constraints and Potentials and Prospects of Buffalo Production in the Mediterranean and the Middle East). A.S. Abdel-Azia, President of ESAP said: "Your efforts were not merely out of duty of your post, but rather, of a great sense of responsibility toward international, European and Mediterranean cooperation. Your understanding and warm feelings have always bridged cultures and shortened distances".

Rosalee Sinn, Secretary of IGA, has been named Heifer Project International's Director of Resource Development and Education. The announcement was made by Jo Luck Cargile, Executive Director, who said: "Rosalee brings the experience of more than two decades of service to this position and will fill an important role on our Executive Management Team."

Publications

Handbook for Teaching Families, A Training Manual, Nancy B. Leidenfrost, Project coordinator and Editor, USDA Extension Service, Published by CD Resources, Inc., 1993.

Dictionary of Animal Production Terminology.. In English, French, German, Spanish and Latin
By European Association of Animal Production. 1993 692 pages Hardbound

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Fine Fibre News. Newsletter of the European Fine Fibre Network (EFFN). Purpose of the newsletter is to improve the flow of research information, ideas and techniques for those researching mohair, cashmere, angora, camelid and bovine speciality fibres and super-fine wool.
write: Dr. John a. Milne, EFFN
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USA Issue 1989
as part of a set of four
Other figures: camel,
horse and reindeer.

Goats and Heifer Project International

Robert Pelant, DVM, HPIAsia/South Pacific Director

Contrary to what the name indicates, Heifer Project International (HPI) works with all types of farm animals, in addition to cattle. The mission of HPI is to alleviate hunger and poverty worldwide, through the use of animals and training, while caring for the environment. The types of animals used in HPI programs around the world include, but are not limited to, honeybees, guinea pigs, rabbits, swine, goats, sheep, buffalo, cattle, camels, yaks and fish.

Since our programs take a "family" focus on development, goats are usually very appropriate animals to use. Being small they are more manageable by children and women. Since women do the bulk of the agricultural work in developing areas, goats are quite popular. Low-income families cannot afford to purchase or keep a cow or buffalo in most cases, and goats also fit the financial ability of limited resource families as they are cheaper to buy and maintain. They can also be sold for cash needs in the case of emergencies. Goats are prolific and can increase the disposable income of a farm family quite rapidly.

HPI carries out its work on five continents, each of which has a number of goat related projects. Through a time-tested program called "passing on the gift", farmers who receive a goat (or another animal) pass on the first female offspring to a neighbor. In One particular project in China over the past ten years, this method has allowed the tenth generation of farm families to assist several other communities to become self-reliant.

For more information write: HPI, P.O. Box 808,
Little Rock, AR 72203 USA. Tel (501) 376-6836
Fax 501-376-8906

The Views of the New African Director-General of FAO on Policy Orientation for the Work of the Organization

by A. Aboul Naga

On Monday, November 6, 1993, the International Conference of the FAO, with 169 member state delegates, elected Dr. Jacques Diouf, from Senegal as the Director-General of FAO for the next six years.

Dr. Diouf is an agronomist, graduated from Grignon, Paris, who has his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Sorbonne. He has a wide, rich national and international experience i.e. Secretary of State for Science and Technology in Senegal, Secretary General of Central Bank for West African States, Ambassador Extraordinary to Senegal Mission to the UN, etc.

As the leader of one of the largest organizations in the United Nations system, Dr. Jacques Diouf's view is that FAO has two valuable assets: the technical competence of its human resources and the highly motivating nature of its purposes, namely *ensuring humanity's freedom from hunger*.

In his view the organization is confronted with two major challenges: first, to eliminate the unacceptable situation whereby currently 800 million people do not have adequate access to food, while there is enough to feed everyone and second, to insure that the world will produce in a sustainable way enough to feed 9000 million people in the year 2030.

In view of these challenges, the programme of work and budget for the organization should be redirected to the primary objectives of improving food production and productivity in food deficient countries.

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For more information write:

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Watch future issues of the IGA newsletter for more information.





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VI International Conference on Goats Beijing, China May 2-7, 1996



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Call for Papers

Theme: Sustainable Goat Production and Environment

SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

- A. Production Systems
- B. Genetics and Breeding
- C. Nutrition and Feed Resources
- D. Reproduction
- E. Economics and Marketing
- F. Products
- G. Pathology and Health
- H. Development and Social Issues
- I. Goat Milk and Meat in Human Nutrition
- J. Environment and Ecology

CALL FOR PAPERS

The abstracts or briefing remarks of presentations of intending participants should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat by January 1995.

LANGUAGE

English will be the official language.

REGISTRATION FEES

Before February 1, 1996

Delegate: US \$300

Accompanying person: US \$250

After February 1, 1996

Delegate: US \$350

Accompanying person: US \$300

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PROFESSIONAL VISIT

There will be one day arranged to visit goat farm and leather process factory in Beijing.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition is planned within the conference program. Exhibition stands will be available for rent. There will be products, techniques, equipment, medicine relating to goat production, leather, fur processing, etc.

POSTER SESSIONS

Will be included in the Conference.

PRE-CONFERENCE AND POST-CONFERENCE TOURS.

A variety of optional sightseeing and/or more technical tours will be arranged.

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